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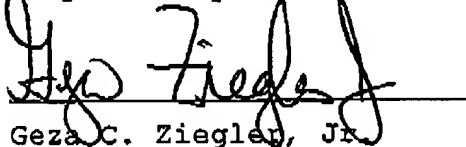
1. Claims 1, 11, 13, 17 and 20 are amended. Claims 10, 12, 14-16 and 18 are cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1-9, 11, 13, 17, 19 and 20 are pending in this application.

2. Claims 1, 17 and 20 are amended to include allowable subject matter, as indicated by the Examiner, of dependent claims 12 and 18 respectively. Claims 11 and 13 are amended to change their dependency. Dependent claims 2-9, 11, 13, and 19 are allowable by reason of their respective dependencies.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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